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SUBJ: COOPERATION BETWEEN AMERICAN NEAR EAST REFUGEE AID
(ANERA) AND MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE (MSW)

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1. AVRAHAM LEVINE OF MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE (MSW), WHO IS ASSISTANT TO DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL AVITSOUR, IN MAY 6 DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF (MCKINE) AGAIN RAISED ISSUE OF MSW-ANERA COOPERATION IN PLANNING AND ADMINISTRATION OF A.I.D. FUNDED GRANT PROGRAMS IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES. LEVINE REFERRED TO MARCH 4 AND APRIL 19 EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN MSW AND ANERA, AND EXPRESSED DISPLEASURE THAT ANERA STILL WAS NOT OFFERING FULL COOPERATION.

2. EMBOFF RECEIVED NEGATIVE REPLY WHEN HE ASKED IF MSW HAD FORWARDED ANY PROJECT PROPOSALS TO ANERA, AS AGREED IN FEBRUARY 29 AVITSOUR-FISHER MEETING. IF MSG HAD NOT FORWARDED PROPOSALS AS AGREED, EMBOFF OBSERVED, THEN ANERA MIGHT HAVE INTERPRETED MSW MARCH 4 LETTER AS SUPERSEDING AVITSOUR-FISHER AGREEMENT AND RESTATEMENT OF ITS ORIGINAL POSITION.

3. LEVINE ALSO SAID THAT MSW, IN ORDER TO EXERCISE ITS
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RESPONSIBILITY TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF VOLUNTARY AGENCY EFFORTS

AND TO ENSURE PROFESSIONAL QUALITY OF ALL PROJECTS, SHOULD HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW ANERA'S SUGGESTIONS PRIOR TO A.I.D. APPROVAL. LEVINE ASKED FOR SUGGESTIONS. EMBOFF REPEATED REMARK THAT FISHER HAD MADE TO HIM, MSW CANNOT FAULT US ON ANY OF OUR PROJECTS". HE SAID THAT ELEMENTS OF MSW-ANERA COOPERATION WERE ALREADY IN HAND AT FEBRUARY 29 AVITSOUR-FISHER MEETING, AND THAT CONTINUING CONTEST OVER PRINCIPLE WAS UNNECESSARY AND COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE. HE SUGGESTED THAT MSW PASS TO ANERA ANY PROJECTS THEY WISHED TO INCLUDE IN PROGRAM AND, IF SOME OF ANERA'S PROPOSALS WERE FOUND UNACCEPTABLE, TO PROVIDE REASONS FOR MSW'S DECISION. LEVINE ASKED WHAT WOULD BE POSITION OF AID/W IF MSW FOUND A PROJECT PROPOSED BY ANERA TO BE UNACCEPTABLE, TO WHICH EMBOFF REPLIED, THAT WOULD DOUBTLESS DEPEND ON MSW'S JUSTIFICATION.

4. COMMENT: LEVINE, WHOSE ENGLISH IS SUPERIOR TO AVITSOUR'S, WAS OBVIOUSLY ACTING UNDER INSTRUCTIONS IN BRINGING UP THIS MATTER AGAIN. MSW APPEARS TO WANT EMBASSY TO EXERT PRESSURE ON ANERA TO "COOPERATE" MORE FULLY. WHEN LEVINE NOTED THAT MFA IS ALSO INTERESTED IN PROBLEM, EMBOFF SIMPLY NOTED THAT WE HAVE NOT BEEN CONTACTED BY MFA SINCE BEFORE LAST AVITSOUR-FISHER MEETING.

5. PLEASE CONVEY GIST OF MESSAGE TO ROBERT FISHER OF ANERA. DUNNIGAN

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